

REMARKS

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 21-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 21-27 have been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 21-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 21-27 have been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges that claims 1, 3-12 and 14-20 have been allowed.

CONCLUSION

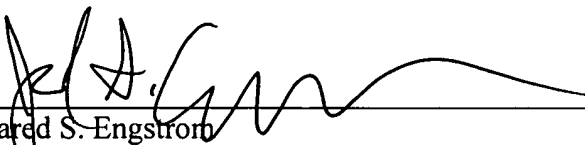
All remaining claims in the present application – claims 1, 3-12 and 14-20 – have been allowed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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